

Minutes

Dr. Bender asked about the bike path along Little Walnut Creek and discussion ensued.

- Chuck Miller and Stan Smith of the Canal Winchester Local School District spoke regarding the proposed 14.82 mill two year emergency operating levy commencing in 2009 on the May 5th ballot.

Mr. Miller stated that the schools have turned the corner academically. Last year the school received an “effective” rating from the State. The student population has more than doubled in the last ten years and we have added 117 teachers within that period to accommodate that growth; all without increasing operating taxes since 2001.

Unfortunately, we are now in a financial crisis. We cannot continue to give a quality education without generating more money. We are asking for an emergency levy that would generate 6.4 million dollars for 2 years. It will allow us to restore some of what we have reduced in the last three years. \$5.3 million dollars have been cut already from a roughly \$30 million budget and it will require that an additional \$2.5 million be cut before opening doors in the fall if the levy doesn’t pass. That means that 22 teachers will be laid off, as well as cutting almost everything that they can and still be legal.

He is asking that Council support the levy and talk to their neighbors and promote voting for the levy on May 5th.

Mrs. Mershon asked what they could do to help, other than voting yes on Tuesday. Mr. Miller stated that there are 3 weekends scheduled for people to go door to door. Anyone can call the Board office and they will get them in contact with the chairs of the committee for the levy.

Dr. Bender asked Mr. Smith if he has ever seen the school in such a state of need. Mr. Smith stated that they have never laid off people and that in and of itself, says something. To put it in perspective, we currently have 340 employees. In order to maintain the student/employee ratio that has been the norm for all the years he has been here and growing up in Canal, we would have 420 employees. That shows that we have already scaled back on hiring’s to less that what would be ideal for student/teacher ratios. Further discussion ensued.

- A letter was received from Fairfield Homes, Inc. apprising the Village of their intent to become a general partner in a residential development financed by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a 40 unit affordable senior apartment property off of E. Waterloo Street in the Village. Objections must be filed by April 17, 2009.

- A letter was received from WOW Communications regarding changes to their channel lineup.

- A thank you was received from the Canal Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce for the Village’s and Mayor’s participation the Annual Chamber Dinner and Expo.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person - None at this time.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST Reading

Sponsor: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

O-09-04A AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 351.14 (a) and (b) AND 1185.07 (b) OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER
REGARDING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL AND SIMILAR VEHICLES IN
RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the Ordinance. First reading only.

O-09-04B AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1151.01, 1153.16, 1159.05 (a) (2), CHAPTER 1163, SECTION 1181.04 (a), APPENDIX B1 AND APPENDIX C1-C9 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER REGARDING MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis
O-09-04C AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, WIDENING, AND IMPROVING RUTHERFORD DRIVE, ROBINETT WAY, AND EICHORN STREET INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS, AND WATER, STORM SEWER, AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SUCH ROADS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion carried.

Motion carried

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis
O-09-04F AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE WITH
MADISON TOWNSHIP AND HAMILTON TOWNSHIP IN THE SALE OF
UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE
VILLAGE AT AUCTION ON MAY 2, 2009

R-09-04A A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14.82 MILL TWO YEAR EMERGENCY OPERATING LEVY ON THE MAY 5, 2009 BALLOT

Dr. Bender read the resolution. First reading only.

Mrs. Mershon read the Resolution. First reading only.

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

Dr. Bender read the resolution. Second reading only.

Motion carried.

Mr. Strayer submitted on three state leads last week. 75% of the leads coming in are now for existing buildings as opposed to land for development due to the development.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover stated that she had received requests from seniors at the Community Center to make the doors on the Trine Street entrance automatic, handicap-accessible doors and they were able to add those recently.

May 9th will be Community Clean-Up day...they are still looking for volunteers. A press release went out last week.

Music and Art in the Park will be scaled back to three events this year. They will be on May 15th, June 19th and July 17th; third Friday's of the month.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry attended the Women's Self Defense class and it was very well- attended by a wide span of ages and great information was given out.

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins commended Council on planning the Rutherford /Eichorn projects. It is a smart move to take that step while the economy is in a downturn.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Deputy Dixon read the report.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn summarized what transpired at the Finance Committee meeting.

Bed tax grant recommendations were made in the following amounts:

Education Fund	\$1,500	
Historical Society	\$10,000	(50% grant and 50% matching)
Football for Food	\$1,500	
Youth Support Team	\$1,125	
Relay for Life	\$2,500	
Friends for Life	<u>\$1,625</u>	
	\$18,250 total	

Also, Ms. Osborn is requesting that appropriations be amended in the amount of \$187 for FEMA bill and \$15,975 for our share of property taxes that must be paid this year until our tax-exempt status comes through.

Council will see information regarding the Red Flag act for identity theft. The Village has to draft a policy, adopt it and put in place a privacy committee and a privacy officer and an annual review program with reporting to the Federal Trade industry. Ms. Osborn is working on the issue.

A MOU was received from KidsConnect asking for some written commitment from the Village of Canal Winchester.

Work will begin on the 2010 budget at the May Finance committee.

The new Park Fee will have a Public Hearing for May 18th at 6:45pm.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee	Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:30 PM
•Small group of volunteers removed the old HVAC system from the Interurban	
Finance Committee	Monday, May 4, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Service Committee	Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Safety Committee	Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:00 PM

New Business:

Canal Winchester Historical Society will be meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm and Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry and Patty Spires will be talking about living in Canal Winchester in the 1940's and 1950's.

Mayor Ebert stated that Mansfield-News Journal .com ran an article called "Canal Winchester is worth the short drive" and the Charleston Connection ran an article on the water plant. They are both worth taking the time to read. See attached.

Old Business:

None at this time

Adjourn to Executive Session: Not needed at this time.

Adjournment:

Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon
 Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis
 NAYS
 Motion carried. Time out 8:03pm

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Date

Mayor

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